

OFFICE ACTION

Notice to Applicant

This communication is in response to the amendments/arguments received on 10/16/2009. Claims 37-44 and 63 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard E. Kurtz on 1/28/2010.

During the interview conducted on 1/28/2010 between the Examiner and the attorney on the record, Mr. Kurtz, the application has been amended as follow:

1. Please amend claim 63 as follows:

At line 4-10, please amend: "causing a client device to display a criteria selection interface to a user, the criteria selection interface allowing the user to select a diagnosis-based criteria, the criteria selection interface being presented in a clinical format that is familiar to clinicians and healthcare reviewers, the criteria selection interface being presented to the user within a single screen such that the user does not have to scroll within the single screen while selecting criteria, the client device retrieving the criteria selection interface from a server via the Internet;..."

2. Please cancel claims 45-62, and 64-68.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 37-44 and 63 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the primary reason for allowance of these claims is the inclusion of the limitations, in all of the claims which is not found in the prior art references, of "causing the client device to display the user interface, including the plurality of fields, within a single screen to a user, the user interface facilitating the entry of patient clinical encounter information into the plurality of fields by not requiring the user to scroll the user interface within the single screen; and causing the navigation module on the client device to modify the contents of at least one of the plurality of fields in response to the received patient clinical encounter information".

The prior art teach:

Interactive method and system for managing physical exams, diagnosis and treatment protocols in a health care practice, US 6047259 A, Campbell et al.,

Expert system for generating guideline-based information tools, US 5574828 A, Hayward et al.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DILEK B. COBANOGLU whose telephone number is (571)272-8295. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry O'Connor can be reached on 571-272-6787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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